

Denmark

Ethnicity in Denmark

Power relations

Ethnicity is irrelevant on the national political level in Denmark.

Denmark historically had control of Greenland and the Faroe Islands. Until WWII, the Faroe Islands were ruled as an ordinary county of Denmark, and Greenland was a colony of Denmark. The Faroese population held an advisory referendum of independence in 1946. Although a narrow majority was in favor of secession, the political elites decided to remain part of Denmark. Since the Home Rule agreement of 1948 the Faroe Islands have an extensive self-government but are not part of the EU (¹⁶⁰⁴).

¹⁶⁰⁴ [[The Government of the Faroe Islands, 2017](#)]

After WWII, Denmark regained full control of Greenland. Greenland became an integral part of the Kingdom of Denmark in 1953 and was granted home rule in 1979. In 2008, a referendum on Greenland's autonomy was held, that translated into the Act on Greenland Self-Government in 2009, which replaced the Greenland Home Rule Arrangement. The Self-Government Act gives Greenland control of the police force, coastguard, and courts and declares Greenlandic as the official language (¹⁶⁰⁵). However, both of these territories should be considered as (former) "overseas colonies" . They do therefore not form part of the EPR dataset.

¹⁶⁰⁵ [[Statsministeriet, 2009](#)]

The German minority in Southern Denmark is officially characterized as a national minority. Denmark ensures their cultural protection, for example, by allowing for German kindergartens and schools. The German minority's political party is the Schleswigsche Partei, which is an independent regional party. At the local elections in 2013, nine representatives of the Schleswigsche Partei were voted in (¹⁶⁰⁶). However, they are not represented in national politics and therefore not relevant for this data set.

¹⁶⁰⁶ [[The official Website of Denmark, 2017](#)]

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Political status of ethnic groups in D

From 1946 until 2021

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Danes	1.0	IRRELEVANT

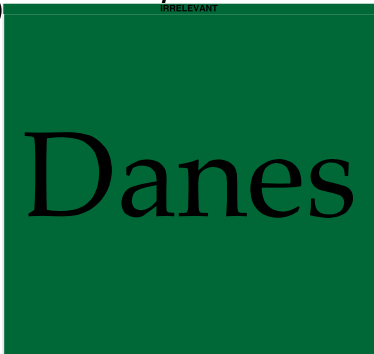


Figure 307: Political status of ethnic groups in Denmark during 1946-2021.